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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV ENRG SY GW US  
SUBJECT: CONCORDIA-DEUTSCHE-TEXACO CLAIM

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ACCORDING TO FRG AMBASSADOR, AT FINAL WORKING SESSION WITH FONMIN KHADDAM FEB 9, FRG FONMIN GENSCHER CITED CONCORDIA CASE AS PROBLEM COMPLICATING FRG-SYRIAN RELATIONS WHICH WOULD NEED RESOLUTION. KHADDAM REPLIED HE "UNINFORMED" ABOUT CASE BUT AGREED THAT PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED AND ASKED GERMAN SIDE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH OUTLINE OF HISTORY AND PARTICULARS OF CONCORDIA-DEUTSCHE-ERDOL CLAIM AGAINST SARG. NO FIGURES WERE DISCUSSED. GENSCHER HAS INSTRUCTED FRG AMB TO PREPARE LETTER WHICH HE IS DOING IN COOPERATION WITH SYRIAN CITIZEN WHO HAD BEEN LONG-TIME REPRESENTATIVE OF CONCORDIA. FRG AMB CONFESSED HE PERSONALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH DETAILS AND APPREHENSIVE ABOUT ENTERING THIS COMPLICATED AND LONG-STANDING CASE TOO HASTILY. IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT TEXACO-GERMANY HAD NOT BEEN PRESSING ITS CLAIM VERY ACTIVELY. AMB TOLD FRG AMB WE WOULD WANT TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS QUESTION.

2. FRG EMBOFF SAID IT HAD BEEN GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD  
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THAT CONCORDIA CLAIM WOULD NOT BE LINKED IN ANY WAY TO GERMAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ON OTHER HAND, ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER IMADI TOLD AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 15 THAT HE HAD TOLD GENSCHER'S STAFF SYRIA READY TO SETTLE CONCORDIA CLAIM ON CONDITION THAT FRG RETURN TO SYRIA FOR FURTHER WORK ON OIL EXPLORATION.  
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